

Bunker Hill Elementary
Recommended Summer Reading List 2018
Incoming 3rd Graders



- Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean*. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. (Series)
- Blabey, Aaron. *The Bad Guys*. In this illustrated chapter book series, bad guys are doing good deeds...whether you want them to or not! They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys...and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all that. (Series)
- Broach, Elise. *The Miniature World of Marvin & James*. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. (Series)
- Clinton, Chelsea. **She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World**. A nonfiction picture book compilation of the stories of thirteen American women who persisted in overcoming obstacles and changing the world.
- Coy, John. *Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball*. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure*. Meet the Chicken Squad: Dirt, Sugar, Poppy, and Sweetie. These chicks are not your typical barnyard puffs of fluff, and they are not about to spend their days pecking chicken feed and chasing bugs. No sir, they're too busy solving mysteries and fighting crime. So when Squirrel comes barreling into the chicken coop, the chicks know they're about to get a case. (Series)
- Cummings, Troy. *Rise of the Balloon Goons: Notebook of Doom*. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. (Series)
- Gilbert, Matthew J. and Honest Lee. *The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13*. What would you do if you won the lottery? Ms. Linda LaCrosse decides to buy a lottery ticket to add to her math lesson and promises to share the winnings with everyone in Classroom 13. The usually unlucky teacher hits an incredible jackpot with each student receiving a billion dollars. Now the students have to decide what to do with their share, and they find winning the lottery is not always a dream come true. (Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2018-2019)
- Hayes, Joe. *Grandpa's Hal-La-Loo-Ya Hambone*. Back in the days when people made do by reusing things and eating lots of big bowls of beans, Joe's father splurged on a big juicy hambone to add a special flavor to the endless bowls of beans. Being thrifty, Joe's mother would hang the hambone out to dry and reuse it the next Sunday. Soon neighbors were borrowing the hambone to flavor their beans, and that is the beginning of a tall tale which will have you laughing and shouting "Hal-La-Loo-Ya!" (Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2018-2019)
- Jenkins, Steve. *Apex Predators: The World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present*. Infographic book featuring 17 extinct and 7 modern day apex predators – creatures too vicious and dangerous to be hunted by other animals.

- Keller, Laurie. ***Bowling Alley Bandit***. Arnie the talking doughnut is delighted to be Mr. Bing's new pet "doughnut-dog," so when Mr. Bing starts rolling gutter balls during a big bowling tournament, Arnie suspects foul play and sets out to solve the mystery. (Series)
- Levine, Sara. ***Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers***. This is a fun interactive book that compares how human teeth are like, and unlike, those of other animals. Discover what animals eat based on their teeth!
- Meltzer, Brad. ***I Am Helen Keller***. The story of Helen Keller, who learned to read and write despite being deaf and blind, and became an activist who fought for the rights of disabled people. (Series)
- McCormick, Patricia. ***Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero***. Inspirational true story of "Sergeant Reckless", a brave little colt with a big appetite who despite all odds, becomes a highly decorated U.S. Marine. With beautiful bold illustrations, readers will be inspired by his bravery, and experience the unexplainable bond between man and animal. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Attack of the Slime Mold***. Stink may be a super science freak, but even Dr. Stinkelstein is feeling freaked out about having a slime mold living and growing in his very own room. At Saturday Science Club, Stink learns that these one-celled organisms are smart enough to find their way out of mazes and gang up on food sources. (Series)
- Paris, Harper. ***The Mystery of the Lion's Tail***. Ethan and Ella search for lions on a safari in Kenya in the fifth book of Greetings from Somewhere, an exciting series about mystery, travel, and adventure. (Series)
- Selfors, Suzanne. ***Wedgie and Gizmo***. Meet two unlikely frenemies, Wedgie and Gizmo, who have been brought together through the blending of two families. Wedgie is the fun loving corgi who will do everything to protect his new family and Gizmo is the evil genius hamster who will do anything to take over the world. Quirky illustrations and laugh out-loud predicaments teach the true meaning of family and friendship. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Siegel, Randy. ***One Proud Penny***. One penny narrates his 25 year lifespan of being lost in yucky places; being part of something special; evoking the life of his Lincoln memorial "Whatever you are, be a good one."; and a touch of history about his ancestors (uncle was made out of steel).
- Spinelli, Jerry. ***Third Grade Angels***. George 'Suds' Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.
- Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one. (Series)
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937***. Eleven year-old Hugo, his parents, and his sister Gertie are making the thrilling four thousand mile journey across the Atlantic in a zeppelin as big as the Titanic when disaster strikes and fire consumes the ship. (Series)
- Wallace, Bill. ***Snot Stew***. Brother and sister cats are taken in by a family and learn the pleasures and dangers of living alongside humans.